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1. In February 1951, representatives of the Chinese Communist Ministry of Railways made a survey of the work done by the wireless communications sections\* of the railway bureaus in China exclusive of the Northeast. In order, the sections considered the best were those of the Tientsin, Shanghai, Tsinan, and Hengyang Railway Bureaus.
2. In mid-February the East China Postal and Telecommunications Administration completed laying the telephone line between Shaozu (117-28, 27-21), Fukien, and Chuchi (120-18, 29-44), Chekiang. This line is being used mainly by the troops in this area.
3. The laying of a telephone line between Wenchow and Chingtien (120-17, 28-09), Chekiang, was scheduled to be completed before 25 November 1950.
4. In October 1950 the laying of a telephone line from Chingtien to Chinyun (120-03, 22-39) via Lishui (119-54, 23-28) was temporarily halted pending completion of the land reform.
5. In late February plans were being made to lay a telephone line from Hsing-hsiangchia (95-09, 41-48), Kansu, to Hoerhkuossu (80-22, 44-12), Sinkiang, via Tihua. Two tons of copper ordered by the Northwest China Postal and Telecommunications Administration at Lanchow were scheduled to arrive in Lanchow from the USSR in late May or early June 1951.
6. On 1 February telegraph lines between Ili (80-51, 44-03) and Alma Ata (approximately 77-01, 43-10) and between Tacheng (82-57, 46-45) and Bakhty (approximately 82-50, 46-47), Kazakh SSR, began operation.\*\*

\* Field Comment. Other details of the expansion of telegraph and telephone services in China in late 1950 and early 1951 were reported in SO-59795.

\*\* Washington Comment. SO-57940, from a similar source, reported that this telegraph service was in operation in January 1951.

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